

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention titled Method for Analyzing the Performance of Securities, the specification of which was filed on August 2, 2001, as United States Application No. 09/919,910.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/295,584, filed June 5, 2001.

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